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LETTER DATED 16 MAY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation have continued over the period 1 to 10 May 1994.

1 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Dukan and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi, Shatrah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Samawah and Salman.

2 May 1994

Southern region: 57 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

3 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 26 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

4 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Rawanduz.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Khidr, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

5 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Shaqlawah.

(b) Southern region: 61 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Artawi, Chabaish, Jalibah and Busayyah.

6 May 1994

Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Irbil, Dohuk, Mosul, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

7 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Shaqlawah, Rawanduz, Raniyah, Qal'at Dizah, Dukan, Shirwan and Sidkan.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shanafiyah, Maymunah, Chabaish, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

At 1452 hours on 7 May 1994, a United States reconnaissance aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraq's airspace over Artawi, Jalibah, Nasiriyah, Rifa'i, Qal'at Sukkar, Samawah, Shanafiyah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, the area to the south of Najaf, and Salman. It left at 1623 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

8 May 1994

Southern region: 38 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Shatrah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Khidr and Artawi.

9 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 39 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

10 May 1994

(a) Northern region: 37 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 57 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Lasaf, Shatrah, Salman, Artawi and Jalibah.

At 1305 hours on 10 May 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over Salman, Shatrah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, the area to the south of Najaf, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Qurnah and Jalibah. It left at 1642 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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